

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tiverton Recycling/landfill Committee

Thursday August 27, 2015

Town Hall, 343 Highland Road

Members present: Stephen Berlucchi, Steven Rys, Dick Hart, Jay Lambert, Richard Guimond, Jeff Belli

- **Approved minutes**
- **The committee reviewed latest potential site for the relocation of recycling center. The parcel is located off fish road just south of DPW garage and is centrally located in town and should not pose any issues with neighbors. The parcel has 80 acres but the town is looking for just two and half acres .The property belongs to North Tiverton Fire District and currently does not have access to property except for the two and half acres on fish road. The property is bounded by wetlands. The assessed value is 667,500 for 80 acres. The Fire District does not pay any taxes on property. The town will need to negotiate with the Fire District to acquire this property.**
- **S. Berlucchi stressed the importance of moving forward with this project as he received word from DEM has rejected the town request for height extension. The expected date that the new recycling center will need to be ready by is Jan. 2016. The present location will be last area to be filled before expected landfill closure in 2017.**
- **Locating the recycling center outside of footprint of landfill will allow town to avoid extra permitting that DEM would require at landfill.**
- **Committee discussed yard waste disposal options. The town collected 1287 tons of yard waste last year. Tiverton is allowed to tip 390 ton of yard waste at RIRRC. The town will need to change zoning to allow commercial composting in town. There is only one company in town that can legally accept yard waste if the town wanted to go to bid.**

- **S. Berlucchi has received inquiries about offering large 64 gallon recycling bins for residents. Patriot disposal does not have any issues with residents using these large bins. Committee agreed that charging residents half the cost of bins and the town would pick up the other half would be fair to residents. The start up money would come from recycling profit share money we receive from RIRRC. S.Berlucchi will make inquiries to find vendor for bins. Program will begin after receiving profit share money from RIRRC.**
- **The Towns monthly recycling rate numbers continue to mirror last year's numbers with the yearly number around 2000 tons**
- **Town Council workshop on landfill closure and recycling center relocation will take place on August 31,2015**
- **Motion To Adjourn**

Minutes prepared by Steven P Rys